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In re Application of
Sanford D. Damasco et al
Application No. 10/700,326
Filed: November 3, 2003
Atty Docket No. ENDO108-C1-CP2CP

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

DECISION ON PETITIONS

This is a decision on the petitions filed October 5, 2007, to (1) amend under 37 CFR 1.48(a) the inventive entity by the addition of Jawahar M. Ali, David J. Battles, Paul W. Mikus, and Jay J. Eum as joint inventors, (2) to waive under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.183 that part of 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2) which requires a statement from the person being added, (3) to accept under 37 CFR 1.47(a), as authorized by 37 CFR 1.48(a)(3), the declaration, which lacks the signature of the inventor being added as required by 37 CFR 1.63, and (4) to withdraw this application from issue under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

The petitions are **GRANTED**.

DISCUSSION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2)

Petitioner requests that this application be withdrawn from issue in order to amend the inventorship in this case. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed concurrently with the petition to withdraw from issue.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on August 6, 2007 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form (along with any balance due at the time of submission). Petitioner is advised that the Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment.

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

In those instances wherein a request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) and a petition under 37 CFR 1.47 have both been filed in an application, the Office of Petitions may first issue a decision on the request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) so as to determine the appropriate oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 required for the petition under 37 CFR 1.47. In those situations where, as here, an inventor to be added refuses to submit a statement supporting the addition or such party cannot be reached, waiver under 37 CFR 1.183 of the requirement for a statement from that party would be appropriate upon a showing of such refusal or inability to reach the inventor. Every existing assignee of the original named inventors must give its consent to the requested correction.

37 CFR 1.48(a) requires that an amendment to the named inventive entity be accompanied by:

- (1) A request to correct the inventorship that sets forth the desired inventorship change;
- (2) A statement from each person being added as an inventor and from each person being deleted as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part;
- (3) An oath or declaration by the actual inventor or inventors as required by § 1.63 or as permitted by §§ 1.42, 1.43 or § 1.47;
- (4) The processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i); and
- (5) If an assignment has been executed by any of the original named inventors, the written consent of the assignee (see § 3.73(b)).

The request under 37 CFR 1.48(a) to add inventors Jawahar A. Ali, David J. Battles, Paul W. Mikus and Jay J. Eum has been found that, through error and without deceptive intent, the application improperly set forth the inventorship. Accordingly, this application has been amended to include the aforementioned inventors.

It is noted that a statement and declaration were received on October 9, 2007 by previously non-signing inventor Jawahar A. Ali.

DISCUSSION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) requires:

- (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or located, notwithstanding diligent effort, or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after

having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);

(2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;

(3) the petition fee set forth in § 1.17(g); and

(4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

The petition complies with the above requirements. Further, the evidence submitted in support of the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is sufficient to establish that non-signing inventor David J. Battles, one of the inventors being added under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.48(a), did not respond to a request to execute the oath or declaration (or assignment) after having been presented with a copy of the application papers as filed.

The application papers have been reviewed and found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

DISCUSSION OF PEITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

On very infrequent occasions, the requirements of 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2) have been waived upon the filing of a request and the fee set forth in § 1.17(f) for a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 (along with the request and fee under 37 CFR 1.48(a)) to permit the filing of a statement by less than all the parties required to submit a statement. In re Cooper, 230 USPQ 638, 639 (Dep. Assist. Comm'r Pat. 1986). However, such a waiver will not be considered unless the facts of record unequivocally support the correction sought. In re Hardee, 223 USPQ 1122, 1123 (Comm'r Pat. 1984). In essence, petitioner must show that the inability to obtain the statement from David J. Battles is, notwithstanding the exercise of reasonable care and diligence, due to circumstances beyond his control.

Under the circumstances recounted in the petition, justice would be served by suspending the requirements of 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2) for a statement by non-signing inventor David J. Battles. Accordingly, the requirement for a statement under 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2) by non-signing inventor David J. Battles is waived under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.183.

A Corrected Filing Receipt which sets forth the inventorship of this application accompanies this decision on petition.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to Frances Hicks at (571) 272-3218.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3737 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Hearn', is written over the printed name.

Brian Hearn
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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Receipt is acknowledged of this non-provisional patent application. The application will be taken up for examination in due course. Applicant will be notified as to the results of the examination. Any correspondence concerning the application must include the following identification information: the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. **If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Filing Receipt Corrections. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections**

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 10/307,036 11/27/2002 PAT 6,643,535
which is a CIP of 09/957,306 09/20/2001 PAT 6,544,176
which is a CON of 09/699,938 10/30/2000 PAT 6,485,422
which is a CON of 09/318,710 05/26/1999 PAT 6,139,544

Foreign Applications

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 02/11/2004

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/700,326**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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Title

COMPUTER GUIDED ABLATION OF TISSUE USING INTEGRATED ABLATIVE/TEMPERATURE SENSING DEVICES

Preliminary Class

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